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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 28, 2007 and is being filed along with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith in connection with the above-identified patent application. A Notice of Appeal was timely filed on February 13, 2007. The period for supplementing the Notice of Appeal has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and appropriate fee, to and through June 13, 2007. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 6.